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1. SUMMARY: IN A MONTH CHARACTERIZED BY CONSIDERABLE NARCOTICS ACTIVITY ALL ACROSS THE BOARD, WE DISCUSSED WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL CROP SUBSTITUTION, POSSIBLE PROVISION OF SURPLUS MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND A NEW TRIPARTITE CONFERENCE. STATEMENTS BY HIGH GOM OFFICIALS INDICATE INCREASING CONCERN WITH DOMESTIC DRUG ADDICTION. NARCOTICS COMMITTEE MEMBERS PREPARING IN-DEPTH STUDY OF SINALOA STATE. CUSTOMS-TO-CUSTOMS AND DANGEROUS DRUG COOPERATIVE PROJECTS ARE MOVING AHEAD. WE TURNED OVER THE START OF A BASIC LIBRARY ON DRUG ABUSE TO CEMEF, AND NEARLY HAVE WASHINGTON AGREEMENT ON EPIDEMIOLOGICAL STUDY. MEXICAN HARD NARCOTICS SEIZURES WERE GOOD IN JULY, AND MAY HAVE INCLUDED TO HEROIN LABORATORIES. MORE IMPORTANT, PERHAPS, THE FEDERAL JUDICIAL POLICE (FJP) APPEAR TO BE  
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GAINING NEW ENERGY AND EFFECTIVENESS, EVEN IN MOVING

AGAINST CORRUPT LOCAL AUTHORITIES. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBASSY AND GOM ACTIVITIES:

A. FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL RICHARD KLEINDIENST AND MINISTER ROBERT DEAN ATTENDED A SOCIAL BREAKFAST AT THE HOME OF FORMER MEXICAN DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL DAVID FRANCO RODRIGUEZ. ALSO PRESENT WERE MEXICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL OJEDA PAULLADA AND FORMER MEXICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL SANCHEZ VARGAS. A NUMBER OF NARCOTICS-RELATED SUBJECTS WERE DISCUSSED, AMONG THEM THE FEASIBILITY OF A CROP-SUBSTITUTION PROGRAM (REJECTED BY OJEDA PAULLADA), THE POSSIBLE USE OF SURPLUS US MILITARY EQUIPMENT, PARTICULARLY HELICOPTERS, IN THE MEXICAN ERADICATION PROGRAM; A RECENT LARGE HEROIN SEIZURE; AND THE DESIRABILITY OF ANOTHER TRIPARTITE MEETING AT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL LEVEL, PRESUMABLY IN WASHINGTON. (SEE MEXICO 5506)

B. THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT'S INCREASING PREOCCUPATION WITH MEXICO'S INTERNAL DRUG ABUSE PROBLEM WAS UNDERLINED LAST MONTH BY SEVERAL PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY HIGH GOM OFFICIALS: (1) ON JULY 21 IN NAUCALPAN DE JUAREZ, PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA APPEALED TO PARENTS AND TEACHERS TO COOPERATE IN COMBATTING DRUG ADDICTION BY MEXICAN YOUTH (HE LATER EMPHASIZED ALSO THE NEED TO ATTACK INTERNATIONAL DRUG TRAFFICKERS); (2) ON JULY 24 BEFORE A WOMEN'S GROUP ATTORNEY GENERAL OJEDA PAULLADA REMARKED INTER ALIA THAT THE NARCOTICS PROBLEMS NOW BEING EXPERIENCED BY THE DEVELOPED NATIONS WILL "COME TO US 8, 10 OR 12 YEARS LATER" BUT, THAT BY THEN MEXICO WILL KNOW WHAT MISTAKES NOT TO MAKE (IN THIS CONNECTION HE SUGGESTED THE INTER-ACTION OF THE MEDIA, PRIVATE GROUPS AND INSTITUTIONS ON A NATIONAL LEVEL TO COMBAT DRUG ADDICTION); (3) MEXICO CITY REGENT OCTAVIO SENTIES GOMEZ ON JULY 28 IN CONNECTION WITH A RECENT ROUNDUP OF YOUNG MARIJUANA SMOKERS IN THE FASHIONABLE "ZONA ROSA", ANNOUNCED THAT THE POLICE VIGILANCE WOULD BE PERMANENT IN MEXICO CITY BUT THAT THE CITY FATHERS WERE EVEN MORE CONCERNED THAT NECESSARY EDUCATION, FAMILY SOLIDARITY AND PREVENTIVE ACTION TAKE PLACE TO ATTACK THE PROBLEM OF DRUG ABUSE; AND (4) ON JULY 29 IN GUADALAJARA THE DIRECTOR OF LARGE SOCIAL SECURITY HOSPITAL GROUP CALLED PUBLIC ATTENTION TO THE INCREASING SERIOUSNESS OF OPIUM AND

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MARIJUANA PRODUCTION IN MEXICO, CALLING THE COUNTRY BOTH "VICTIM AND PERPETRATOR" OF THE INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS TRAFFIC AND ALSO ISSUING A CALL TO PARENTS TO ORIENT THEIR CHILDREN AGAINST DRUG ABUSE (WHICH SHE CLAIMED HAS CREATED ADDICTS OF ONE IN THIRTY-FOUR PREPARATORY STUDENTS).

(C) ALTHOUGH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS NOT YET INDICATED WHAT FOLLOW-UP ACTION MAY RESULT FROM THE

EMBASSY'S "BLIND MEMO" ON CHIHUAHUA (SEE LAST MONTH'S REVIEW), SUB-COMMITTEE IS PROCEEDING TO PRODUCE A SIMILAR PAPER ON ZSE CRITICAL STATE OF SINALOA. PREPARATION OF THE PAPER WILL BE GREATLY AIDED BY A DAO REPORT NOW BEING WRITTEN DESCRIBING DATT'S RECENT VISIT TO CULIACAN.

(D) A SIMILAR DAO REPORT ON A TRIP TO THE TERRITORY OF BAJA CALIFORNIA SUR WAS PRODUCED IN MID JULY, AND WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTING SINCE THE MAJOR GENERAL COMMANDING THAT ZONE HAD RECENTLY BEEN ZONE CHIEF OF STAFF IN SINALOA. THE GENERAL'S COMMENTS ECHOED THOSE EARLIER OF THE GUERRERO COMMANDER, ALSO REPORTED BY DATT, IN POINTING OUT THE CRITICAL NEED FOR MORE HLICOPTER SUPPORT IN ERADICATION EFFORTS. DATT REPORTED HIS IMPRESSION REINFORCED THAT IN NARCOTICS CROP AREAS ARMY RESOURCES ARE APPLIED EXTENSIVELY AND ENERGETICALLY IN ERADICATION EFFORTS, BUT THAT THE ARMY IS NOT GIVEN RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND OUTSIDE THE CROP AREAS HAS LITTLE INTEREST IN INTERCEPTING TRAFFIC. (DATT REPORT 6 864 0109 73 OF 19 JULY.)

E. EMBASSY IS PREPARING A LETTER FOR DELIVERY TO ATTORNEY GENERAL TO INFORM GOM ABOUT AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON EXCESS MILITARY EQUIPMENT SALES. IN THIS CONNECTION, DATT REPORTED THAT GOM IS PURCHASING 300 NEW US JEEPS WHICH, IF DISPERSED TO PROVINCIAL COMMANDS, SHOULD MATERIALLY ENHANCE MEXICAN ARMY NARCOTICS EFFORT.

F. SECRETARY OF HEALTH JIMENEZ CANTU, ATTORNEY GENERAL OJEDA PAULLADA AND OTHER GOM OFFICIALS ATTENDED THE AUGUST 2 CEREMONIES MARKING FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF MEXICAN CENTER FOR DRUG ABUSE RESEARCH (CEMEF). THREE DAYS EARLIER (JULY 30) MINISTER DEAN TURNED OVER TO CEMEF DIRECTOR DR. GUIDO BELSASSO THE FIRST TRANCHE OF SOME US \$5000 IN BOOKS ON DRUG ABUSE. IN TURN, DR. BELSASSO PRESENTED SAODAP WITH SIMILAR MEXICAN VOLUMNES AND CITED THE EXCHANGE AS AN EXAMPLE OF EFFECTIVE US/MEXICAN  
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COOPERATION IN THE DRUG ABUSE FIELD. (SEE MEXICO 5631)

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G. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS AID/SAODAP AGREEMENT VIRTUALLY COMPLETE ON FUNDING CEMEF'S MEXICAN EPIDEMIOLOGICAL STUDY. WHEN IT IS FINALIZED, WE UNDERSTAND DR. CHAMBERS IS PREPARED TO BE IN MEXICO WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

H. THE DRAFT LETTER DESIGNED TO EFFECT AGREEMENT ON THE COMMUNICATIONS PACKAGE TO MEXICAN CUSTOMS WAS GIVEN TO GOM JULY 20 AND WE ARE AWAITING RECEIPT OF THE APPROVED VERSION, WHEREUPON FORMAL EXCHANGE WILL FOLLOW.

I. "ALBERT", THE US CUSTOMS DOG HAS BEEN HARD AT WORK AT MEXICO CITY AIRPORT. TO DATE HE HAS ALERTED ON SUITCASES, ALL NEGATIVE. IN ALBERT'S MOST RECENT ALERT, HOWEVER, THE SUITCASE'S OWNER WAS SEARCHED AND FOUND TO HAVE ABOUT 150 GM. OF COCAINE ON HIS PERSON. APPARENTLY THE PUBLICITY GIVEN ALBERT BY THE MEXICAN PRESS (AGAINST CUSTOM ATT'S ADVICE) TIPPED OFF SMUGGLERS WHO REMOVED COCAINE FROM SUITCASES AND SECRETED IT ON THEIR PERSONS. HOPEFULLY, MEXICAN AUTHORITIES WILL BE GUIDED ACCORDINGLY.

J. ON JULY 17 THE EMBASSY NARCOTICS CONTROL COMMITTEE DISCUSSED SEPTEMBER, 1972 LETTER ADDRESSED BY TREASURY SECRETARY SHULTZ TO MEXICAN TREASURY SECRETARY CONFIDENTIAL

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MARGAIN REGARDING MEXICAN BANK SECRECY LAWS. BASED ON ITS KNOWLEDGE OF THOSE LAWS PLUS RECENT CONVERSATION BETWEEN MINISTER DEAN AND ATTORNEY GENERAL, COMMITTEE AGREED THERE VIRTUALLY NO CHANCE GOM MIGHT RESPOND POSITIVELY TO SHULTZ LETTER, AND THAT MATTER SHOULD NOT BE RAISED WITH MARGAIN'S SUCCESSOR, TREASURY SECRETARY JOSE LOPEZ PORTILLO. (IN CONVERSATION ALLUDED TO ABOVE, ATTORNEY GENERAL DID AGREE TO EXAMINE OUR REQUESTS FOR BANKING

INFORMATION ON SUSPECTED NARCOTICS VIOLATORS, ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. ALTHOUGH THIS INFORMATION WOULD NOT BE FOR USE IN COURT, WE HAVE SUBMITTED REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION ON TWO SUSPECTS AND ARE AWAITING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPLY.)

K. ON DANGEROUS DRUGS, DEA HAS HELD TWO MEETINGS WITH DR. ARMANDO BEJERANO, DIRGEN OF HEALTH, FOOD AND DRUGS, REGARDING QUOTA SYSTEM AND INFORMATION EXCHANGE. DR. BEJERANO EXPRESSED DESIRE TO SEND TECHNICIANS FOR DEA TRAINING AND TO ESTABLISH AN ANALYTICAL LABORATORY AT MEXICO CITY AIRPORT.

3. ENFORCEMENT (NOTE: ALTHOUGH MARIJUANA SEIZURES WERE VERY IMPRESSIVE AND MANY TONS ZEIZED DURING JULY, EMBASSY WILL NOT REPORT THEM IN THIS OR FUTURE MONTHLY REVIEWS UNLESS THEY HAVE RAMIFICATIONS BEARING ON QUALITY OF GOM NARCOTICS EFFORT, OR ARE ACCOMPANIED BY HARD NARCOTICS SEIZURES.)

A. ATTORNEY GENERAL OJEDA PAULLADA REPORTED A RECENT SEIZURE IN MAZATLAN OF 10.3 KGMS OF HEROIN, TERMING IT LARGEST SINGLE HAUL MADE IN MEXICO (SEE MEXICO 5506).

B. ACTING ON INFORMATION DEVELOPED FROM ABOVE SEIZURE, FJP MOUNTED A LATE-JULY EFFORT IN CULIACAN AREA, ARRESTING 62 SUSPECTS, TAKING 3 1/2 KGMS OF POPPY SEED, VARIOUS WEAPONS AND DISCOVERING TWO PROBABLE HEROIN LABORATORIES. IF LATTER PROVES OUT, THIS WILL BE ONE OF

MOST SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS TO DATE, ESPECIALLY FOR WHAT IT SAYS ABOUT THE FJP'S IMPROVING PERFORMANCE. (SEE MEXICO 5611).

C. THE FJP, WITH DEA GUADALAJARA ASSISTANCE, ARRESTED TEN PERSONS (FOUR LATER RELEASED), SEIZED 695 LBS OF MARIJUANA, 1 OZ OF MEXICAN HEROIN, ON HASHSISH LABORATORY AND VEHICLES.

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D. ACTING ON DEA-DEVELOPED INFORMATION, THE FJP PARTICIPATED WITH HERMOSILLO DEA AGENTS IN AN OPERATION WHICH NETTED 1.875 KGMS OF MEXICAN HEROIN AND THE ARREST OF THREE PERSONS.

E. 800 GMS OF HEROIN WERE ZEIZED BY THE FJP IN SONORA, ON THE INTERNATIONAL HIGHWAY (ROUTE 15), AND THREE PERSONS ARRESTED.

F. IN A TIJUANA RESTAURANT THE FJP ARRESTED SIX PERSONS AND SEIZED ONE KGM OF HEROIN.

G. ON JULY 23 THE ENSENADA FJP SEIZED 120 GMS OF HEROIN AND ARRESTED EDUARDO GONZALEZ CORONADO.

H. TWO AMCITS WERE ARRESTED ON THE EMPALME/HERMOSILLO (SONORA) HIGHWAY AND 450 GMS OF COCAINE WERE SEIZED BY THE FJP.

I. IN LATE JULY, FJP AGENTS REPORTEDLY BROKE

UP A BAND OF TRAFFICKERS OPERATING OUT OF SAN LUIS, COLORADO (SONORA), SEIZING 1.1 KGM OF HEROIN AND ARRESTING EITH PERSONS.

J. A FEMALE COURIER CARRYING 250 GMS OF HEROIN WAS ARRESTED ON A BUS SOUTH OF HERMOSILLO.

K. IN TIJUANA ON JULY 24 A MEXICAN TRAFFIC POLICEMAN WAS ARRESTED FOR ATTEMPTING TO SMUGGLE INTO THE US NEARLY ONE MILLION AMFETAMINE CAPSULES.

L. REPORTEDLY ACTING ON INFORMATION GENERATED BY THE CASE IN WHICH THREE REYNOSA SECRET SERVICE AGENTS WERE ARRESTED BY THE FJP FOR TRAFFICKING IN LARGE QUANTITIES OF MARIJUANA, THE LOCAL FJP ARRESTED TWO PERSONS AND SEIZED 750 GMS OF PURE COCAINE, 9 PISTOLS, THREE RIFLES AND A SUB-MACHINE GUN.

M. IN ANOTHER CASE IN WHICH THE FEDERAL POLICE WERE PITTED AGAINST LOCAL AUTHORITIES, A BAJA CALIFORNIA STATE JUDICIAL POLICE AGENT WAS ARRESTED IN SAN LUIS COLORADO (SONORA) ALONG WITH FOUR OTHER ALLEGED TRAFFICKERS IN A RAID BY THE FJP WHICH NETTED \$800,000 IN ILLEGAL DRUGS. THE FJP ALSO CHARGED THAT THE AGENT, ELISIO GARCIA TAMAYO, HAD BEEN TIPPING OFF LOCAL NARCOTICS DEALERS ABOUT IMPENDING RAIDS.  
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